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Docket No.: SPIRTN.016C1

**CUSTOMER NO. 20995**

Applicant : Snyder, et al.  
 App. No. : 10/665,174  
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(X) Amendment/Response in 3 pages.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 6, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as shown on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.